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EXTENSION OF THE FOURTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR EGYPT

Note by the Administrator

1. The fourth country programme for Egypt, covering the period 1987 to 1991, was approved by the Governing Council at its special session in February 1987 and included the following areas of concentration: (a) increased production in agriculture and attainment of food security; (b) increased industrial production through research and development, improved services and better utilization of installed capacity; (c) human resources development and training; (d) development information systems and other management tools to strengthen the Government decision-making process and improve efficiency; (e) improved delivery of public services; and (f) transfer of advanced technology. The mid-term review, held in October 1989, recommended reducing the number of areas of concentration to four as human resources development and transfer of advanced technology were considered not to be true areas of concentration but rather a feature common to all United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-funded technical cooperation activities in Egypt.

2. The Government is in the process of finalizing the third five-year plan, covering the period 1992 to 1997, which will reflect the comprehensive economic reform and structural adjustment programme agreed to in 1991. In order to synchronize the fifth country programme with the new five-year plan, and thereby make the best use of UNDP resources in support of revised national development objectives, the Government has requested a one-year extension of the fourth country programme. This extension will enable the Government to develop the fifth country programme around the priority areas for national capacity-building emerging from the comprehensive economic reform and structural adjustment programme. It will also allow the Government the time required to take into account, in the formulation of the country programme,

other thematic strategies being developed in human resources, environment/sustainable development and privatization. The focus of the current country programme will continue to be valid for the period of the programme extension.

3. The Government expects to submit its fifth country programme to the Governing Council at its special session in February 1993.

4. The Administrator wishes to inform the Governing Council that he has approved the extension of the fourth country programme for Egypt for a period of one year, beginning 1 January 1992.